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BANGKOK

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1. U.S. CUSTOMS ACKNOWLEDGES POOR TIMING OF REQUEST FOR
LONG RANGE SUPPORT FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY OFFER TO FINANCE
BANGKOK INPUT. HOWEVER, CUSTOMS BELIEVES IT TO BE IN
BEST INTEREST OF OVERALL PROGRAM TO MAKE OFFER PER REFTEL.

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2. CUSTOMS CONFIDENT THAT PARKER AND BATES WILL UNDERSTAND

THAT OFFER IS ONE TIME ONLY AND IS DONE ONLY TO PRESERVE
INTERNATIONAL BANGKOK PROGRAM. U.S. CUSTOMS WILL NOT
INVITE AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN FUTURE PROGRAMS UNLESS
GOA AGREES THROUGH STATE DEPT. CHANNELS TO FINANCE OWN
INPUT.

3. IT IS FURTHER BELIEVED THAT A SUCCESSFUL MULTILATERAL
BANGKOK EFFORT COULD HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON CURRENT
NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING FUTURE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION. INGERSOLL

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